

11/25/08

**AGENDA REPORT**

City of Santa Clara, California

SA



**Date:** November 14, 2008

**To:** City Manager for Council Information

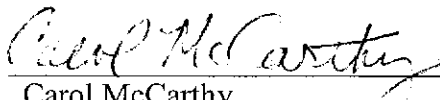
**From:** Deputy City Manager Carol McCarthy

**Subject:** *Special Order of Business:* Presentation by Ronimarie Maslyar, as Presented Previously to the Santa Clara Unified School District


Ronimarie Maslyar, formerly a student at Santa Clara High School, was invited by Superintendent Steve Stavis to speak at the Santa Clara Unified School District district-wide meeting to kick off the school year. Traditionally this event has a motivational speaker, and Ronimarie was asked to fill that role. Ronimarie will be attending the November 25, 2008 City Council meeting to present updated but similar remarks. The City will present a City pin and certificate of commendation to Ronimarie at the conclusion of her remarks.

Ronimarie's story of strength, courage and perseverance, and of those who helped and supported her through the years, is inspiring. Consistent with the City's Code of Ethics & Values, the City Council, City staff and volunteers strive to be "...attuned to, and care about, the needs and issues of citizens..." The Maslyar family, and the teachers and employees of the District, also exemplified this value, making Ronimarie feel welcome and appreciated, and helping her to achieve personal and academic success despite the many challenges in her life. Her story reminds us how people can overcome adversity when they are given a helping hand or an encouraging word, and the positive results that can happen when people care about the needs of others.

Joining Ronimarie at the City Council meeting will be her mother, Lauren Maslyar, who was an educator at Santa Clara High School when she met Ronimarie, before she and her family adopted Ronimarie. Lauren is now assistant principal at Pioneer High School, which Ronimarie now attends. Also present will be Ronimarie's father, Chris Maslyar, and her two sisters, Christina and Caitlin. SCUSD Superintendent Stavis regrets that he is unable to attend the Council meeting of November 25, as the School Board meeting has been rescheduled for that evening.

  
Carol McCarthy  
Deputy City Manager

APPROVED:

  
Jennifer Sparacino  
City Manager

**Documents Related to this Report:**

1) None.

I:\CTYMN\GRS\AGENDA REPORTS\2008\Ronimarie Maslyar Presentation.doc